

Preliminary Amendment
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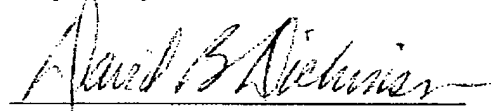
REMARKS

By this paper, claims 50-53 are added and formal drawings are submitted to preliminarily amend the application as filed. Claims 1-53 are pending and drawing Replacement Sheets 1-11 are included in the application. No new matter is added by the inclusion of the new claims or the formal drawing replacement sheets. Examination of all claims 1-53 on the merits is respectfully requested. A clean unmarked copy of new claims 51-53 is appended hereto.

Furthermore, the undersigned authorizes the Patent Office to charge Deposit Account No. **501285** in the amount of \$200.00 to cover the cost of 1 additional independent claim and 4 additional total claims for a small entity. The undersigned also authorizes the Patent Office to debit or credit the above-identified Deposit Account in the event of under or overpayment of patent fees for this application.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this communication, he is invited to contact the undersigned directly to expedite the resolution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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